Adoption of Israel Agricultural System

696. SRI G.H. ASWATHA REDDY (Jagalur).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has any proposal to adjust the crop pattern taking into consideration the scanty rainfall of 10 to 15 inches in famine area ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in a country like Israel where the rainfall is 4½ " farmers are getting full yield " of crop;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to send a study team to Israel to study their agricultural system ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) The Department of Agriculture and U.A.S., Hebbal have planned the cropping pattern for different areas and have planned the cropping pattern for different areas and Agro-Climatic regions with scanty rainfall in Karnataka State and this is being implemented.

(*b*) Yes. Farmers in Israel are stated to be getting good crops under scanty rainfall.

(*c*) No.

2-00 P.M.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) *re : reduction of retirement age to the teachers*

SRI DHARMA SING —(Jewergi) I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the dissatisfaction caused to the teachers due to the reduction of retirement age from 58 Years to 55 Years.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—(Minister for Education),—Sir, I wish to make the following statement :—

Reference to Government Order No FD 150 SRS 73 dated 17th November 1973 in the Call Attention Notice is, obviously, reference to the Karnataka Civil Service (Twenty second Amendment) Rules, 1973. These rules were issued in pursuance of the policy decision taken that the retirment age in the case of those for whom it was 58 years be reduced to 55 years. The reasons underlying the policy decision are well known, namely: to provide employment opportunities to the young educated and unemployed and also to bring about uniformity. It may be noted that the majority of persons in whose case the retirement age was 58 years was teachers. It is not correct that the said rules are, or were intended to be, discriminatory. The teachers allote dfrom the erstwhile Mysore State whose retirement age was also 58 years under the Mysore Service Regulations were not covered by these Rules. This was because. previous approval of the